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RE: Comments Regarding FDIC Application #20051977; Wal-Mart Application for Insurance and Industrial Bank Charter

Dear Chairman Powell and Mr. Carter

I am responding in regard to the Wal Mart Application for an Insurance and Industrial Bank Charter. We all know that no matter what Wal Mart's application states and how limited Wal Mart professes to get, they will be performing banking functions, (presently stated that they will be providing back office processing of credit card, debit card and electronic check transactions in Wal Mart Stores), and that this will be the entry to competing against community banks.

We all know of the power that Wal Mart possesses. One does not become the leading retail firm in the world without doing something right. Becoming that large also means that political power and influence has helped Wal Mart get privileges along the way.

In our area, Wal Mart has bank locations in their Super Wal Marts which means the public already has access to banking at their stores. They made the decision to enter into these leases and stay out of banking. However, Wal Mart does not get the profit which might remain after their high rentals paid by the Banks. Let's not mix commerce and banking any more than we need. This principle is one of the factors which makes America great.

My main point is that no business, no matter how large cannot be all things to all people. Wal-Mart has already exploited this principle by the 36 general merchandise departments plus their specialty shops they have in their locations. These are the successes of Wal-Mart, but what about their failure in selling cars and probably many other tests which failed. What if the IBC were approved and Wal-Mart expanded further into Banking and then failed. With their lack of expertise in retail banking there is no guarantee of success. The taxpayer would absorb the burden of failure. Based upon past experience, if this venture is not profitable, Wal Mart will pass on the cost of failure.

Wal Mart has chosen the application for an ILC in Utah as its entry into banking no matter what they say. This application raises serious public issues and the application should not be approved.

Very truly yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Lindemann".

James Lindemann  
President  
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